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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2106 RELATING TO STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS.

Purpose of Bill: Allows public schools to claim student activity funds left in the school by a graduating class immediately after the graduation of the class, rather than five years after the class graduates or upon donation by the graduating class as provided under current law.

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports this measure. The removal of the five year period is helpful, since tracking these funds on behalf of graduating classes is an administrative burden at the school level. For clarity, we recommend that the wording of the bill be amended, since the student activity funds are already in the school's non-appropriated local school fund account, and do not have to be re-deposited into itself. Recommended wording is as follows: "Student activity funds that are left in the school's non-appropriated local school fund account after the graduation of the class, shall be made available for use by the school for general school needs." Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.